

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 6, 16, 26 and 32 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus for having a printer driver which generates print data to be printed at a printing apparatus using a plurality of pages of drawing data input from an application, comprising:

entry means for entering a designation of N-page printing in which drawing data of N pages ($N > 1$, N is an integer) is printed on one print sheet;

physical N-page printing arranging means for dividing a physical page into N areas and for arranging the drawing data of each page at a center of each of equal N-divided areas of the [[a]] physical page, wherein, if a physical sheet of the physical page is cut into N pieces of sheet, the print result of each page is arranged at the center of one piece of cut sheet ~~by scaling-down~~;

printable ~~area region~~ N-page printing arranging means for dividing a printable area, which is obtained by subtracting a print margin from the physical page, into N printable areas and for arranging the drawing data of each page in each of equal N-divided printable areas of the [[a]] printable ~~area region~~ on the [[a]] physical page, wherein the print result of N pages are arranged toward the center of the physical sheet ~~by scaling-down~~;

determining means for determining which one of said physical N-page printing arranging means and said printable region N-page printing arranging means is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages on the basis of output sheet information, in a case where a print request occurs for the designation of N-page printing entered by said entry means; and

generation means for generating the print data by executing the determined one of said physical N-page printing arranging means and said printable region N-page printing arranging means.

7. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 6, further comprising condition acquiring means for acquiring a physical N-page printing condition,

wherein said determining means determines, based on the physical N-page printing condition acquired by said condition acquiring means, which one of said physical N-page printing arranging means and said printable region N-page printing arranging means is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages.

8. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said physical N-page printing condition is information indicating which one of plural types of N-page printing is set to physical N-page printing.

9. (Previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim1, wherein said determining means determines, in a case where said output sheet information indicates 4-zone post card which is premised that a printed sheet is cut into N-sheets, to employ said physical N-page printing arranging means.

10. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said condition acquiring means acquires said physical N-page printing condition from an external device.

11. to 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A printing control method of having a printer driver which generates print data to be printed at a printing apparatus using a plurality of pages of drawing data input from an application, comprising the steps of:

an entry step of entering a designation of N-page printing in which drawing data of N pages ($N > 1$, N is an integer) is printed on one print sheet;

a physical N-page printing arranging step of dividing a physical page into N areas and arranging the drawing data of each page at a center of each of equal N-divided areas of the [[a]] physical page, wherein, if a physical sheet of the physical page is cut into N pieces of sheet, the print result of each page is arranged at the center of one piece of cut sheet by scaling-down;

a printable ~~area region~~ N-page printing arranging step of dividing a printable area, which is obtained by subtracting a print margin from the physical page, into N printable areas and arranging the drawing data of each page in each of equal N-divided printable areas of the [[a]] printable ~~area region~~ on the [[a]] physical page, wherein the print results of N pages are arranged toward the center of the physical sheet by ~~scaling-down;~~

a determining step of determining which one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages on the basis of output sheet information in a case where a print request occurs for the designation of N-page printing entered in said entry step; and

a generation step of generating the print data by executing the determined one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step.

17. (Original) A printing control method according to Claim 16, further comprising a condition acquiring step of acquiring a physical N-page printing condition, wherein said determining step determines, based on the physical N-page printing condition acquired in said condition acquiring step, which one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages.

18. (Original) A printing control method according to Claim 17, wherein said physical N-page printing condition is information indicating which one of plural types of N-page printing is set to physical N-page printing.

19. (Previously presented) A printing control method according to Claim 16, wherein said determining means determines, in a case where said output sheet information indicates 4-zone post card which is premised that a printed sheet is cut into N-sheets, to employ said physical N-page printing arranging step.

20. (Original) An information processing method according to Claim 17, wherein said condition acquiring step acquires said physical N-page printing condition from an external device.

21. to 25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) A printing control program stored on a computer-readable medium and executed in a printing control device for having a printer driver which generates print data to be printed at a printing apparatus using a plurality of pages of drawing data input from an application, the printing control program including the steps of:

an entry step of entering a designation of N-page printing in which drawing data of N pages ($N > 1$, N is an integer) is printed on one print sheet;

a physical N-page printing arranging step of dividing a physical page into N areas and arranging the drawing data of each page at a center of each of equal N-divided

areas of the [[a]] physical page, wherein, if a physical sheet of the physical page is cut into N pieces of sheet, the print result of each page is arranged at the center of one piece of cut sheet by scaling-down;

a printable area region N-page printing arranging step of dividing a printable area, which is obtained by subtracting a print margin from the physical page, into N printable areas and arranging the drawing data of each page in each of equal N-divided printable areas of the [[a]] printable area region on the [[a]] physical page, wherein the print result of N pages are arranged toward the center of the physical sheet by scaling-down;

a determining step of determining which one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages on the basis of output sheet information in a case where a print request occurs for the designation of N-page printing entered in said entry step; and

a generating step of generating the print data by executing the determined one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging steps.

27. (Original) A printing control program according to Claim 26, further comprising a condition acquiring step of acquiring a physical N-page printing condition, wherein said determining step determines, based on the physical N-page printing condition acquired in said condition acquiring step, which one of said physical N-page printing

arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages.

28. (Original) A printing control program according to Claim 27, wherein said physical N-page printing condition is information indicating which one of plural types of N-page printing is set to physical N-page printing.

29. (Original) A printing control program according to Claim 27, wherein said physical N-page printing condition is information indicating that physical N-page printing is set when a predetermined output sheet size is designated.

30. (Original) An information processing program according to Claim 27, wherein said condition acquiring step acquires said physical N-page printing condition from an external device.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium product storing a printing control program executed in a printing control device for having a printer driver which generates print data to be printed at a printing apparatus using a plurality of pages of drawing data input from an application, the printing control program including the steps of:

an entry step of entering a designation of N-page printing in which drawing data of N pages ($N > 1$, N is an integer) is printed on one print sheet;

a physical N-page printing arranging step of dividing a physical page into N areas and arranging the drawing data of each page at a center of each of equal N-divided areas of the [[a]] physical page, wherein, if a physical sheet of the physical page is cut into N pieces of sheet, the print result of each page is arranged at the center of one piece of cut sheet by scaling-down;

a printable area region N-page printing arranging step of dividing a printable area, which is obtained by subtracting a print margin from the physical page, into N printable areas and arranging the drawing data of each page in each of equal N-divided printable areas of the [[a]] printable area region on the [[a]] physical page, wherein the print result of N pages are arranged toward the center of the physical sheet by scaling-down;

a determining step of determining which one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages on the basis of output sheet information, in a case where a print request occurs for the designation of N-page printing entered in said entry step; and

a generating step of generating the print data by executing the determined one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step.